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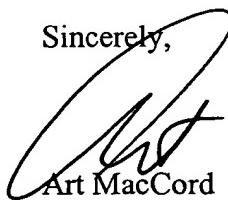
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**Re: Paperless Chain of Custody Evidence for Lab Samples**  
Our File No. 2552-011

Dear Danny:

Enclosed is a final draft of the subject patent application. Please review the application and provide your comments. Also, I left a voice-mail message today requesting identification of the inventors of your invention. Once we have your comments and the names and addresses of the inventors, we will prepare the necessary documents for submittal of your application to the PTO.

Sincerely,

  
Art MacCord

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Re: **Patent Application for PAPERLESS CHAIN OF  
CUSTODY EVIDENCE FOR LAB SAMPLES**  
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Dear Danny:

Enclosed is the above-identified utility patent application, including Inventor's Declaration; drawings; Assignment; Power of Attorney; and Small Entity Form, which are ready for signature.

The inventors should carefully review the text, Inventor's Declaration, drawings and Assignment. If any minor changes need to be made, they may be made in permanent ink with the inventors' initials and the date in the adjacent margin. No changes may be made once the application has been signed. If major changes are needed, please mark up the application as needed and return it to me for preparation of a freshly printed text.

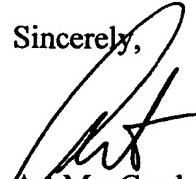
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**Exhibit B**

Mr. Danny Bowman  
December 5, 2000  
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Also enclosed is an Important Legal Notice, which briefly describes the Duty of Candor owed to the PTO by patent applicants. If it suggests anything that needs to be submitted to the PTO that I don't already know about, please let me know.

I appreciate your allowing us to be of service to you.

Sincerely,  
  
Art MacCord

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To: Inventors

Subject: The Requirements of United States Patent Law

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